

To-day's
Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
THERE will be NO COMPETITION TO-MORROW, the Range having been placed at the disposal of the Royal Engineers. MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [135]

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE-MEXICAN DOLLARS. Current in this Colony, and weighing 7.17, in exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days sight on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M. on MONDAY, the 19th instant.

The Tenders to state the total amount required (in Pounds Sterling), and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums less than £100. The Tenders to be in Duplicate and in sealed covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills". The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

E. H. GORGES, Colonel, Chief Paymaster, China: Her Majesty's Treasury Office, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 14th December, 1898. [1472]

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TUESDAY, 20th, and WEDNESDAY, 21st December.

CAPTAIN HORDLAND having kindly lent the Victoria Recreation Club the British ship *Kewington* as Flagship, the Committee request the pleasure of the Company of the LADIES of Hongkong on board on the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.

Through the courtesy of the Chief Manager of the DOCK COMPANY, the *Fane* will convey passengers to the Flagship each day, leaving the NEW PRINCE'S WHARF at 12.30 P.M. and 4 P.M. and returning to minutes after the last Race.

Admission to the Flagship, 5s each day. A portion of the Flagship will be reserved for Ladies and their Friends.

TICKETS of Admission may be obtained from the STEWARD, Victoria Recreation Club, or on board.

By kind permission of Colonel RETALLICK and the Officers, the BEST of the Hongkong Regiment will perform each day.

The Ladies' Prize will be presented by Miss BLAKE, on board the Flagship, on the first day of the Regatta.

W. S. BAILEY, Acting Hon. Secretary, VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1485]

WANTED.

ENGLISH OR FRENCH NURSERY GOVERNESS for two children, to teach English and French. Entire charge.

Address—**MR. BERTANSHAW,** 6, DES VEXES VILLAS, Hongkong. [1481]

WANTED.

A CLUB SECRETARY still required by a Gentleman who's services will be available from 1st of the New Year. Apply "C.S." to This Paper.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1898. [1476]

WANTED.

AN ENGLISH BOOKKEEPER seeks an engagement.

Address—**"Z.Y.N."** to Hongkong Telegraph. Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1477]

WANTED.

WANTED employment by an HOTEL MANAGER, Good references.

Address—"CATERER," c/o Hongkong Telegraph. Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1474]

GREATEST BLESSING OF LIFE.

Prof. H. WINTER.

The Great American Indian Expert.

WARRANTS TO CURE HARD AND SOFT CORNS, BUNIONS, IN-GROWING NAILS AND WARTS.

GUARANTEED to take them out without pain or drawing blood, and further guarantees to perform a perfect cure.

Mr. WINTER'S fame is spoken of in highest terms by various well-known Gentlemen who have suffered for years with Corns.

He has arrived at HONGKONG and will remain till the 1st January at **THOMAS' CHAMBER**, Room No. 4, Office hours from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Consultation free of charge.

Those who wish Mr. WINTER to visit them will please send their Address and he will call on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS between 2 and 3 P.M.

Charges Moderate.

The Professor speaks English, German, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1898. [1478]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SVATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship.

"FORMOSA."

Captain Milroy, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 18th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,** General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1473]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship.

"ESMERALDA."

Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above port, on MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 5 P.M.

This steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,** General Manager.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898. [1475]

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REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at NOON on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 20th and 21st instant, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED, J. THURBURN, Manager.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, J. G. F. AUGUSTIN, Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG, E. L. HUNTER, Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, CHINA, Agent, E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, HONGKONG, 14th December, 1898. [1479]

Intimation.

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FOR THE SEASON 1898/1899.

Orders are executed from New Stocks only.

Priced Catalogues with Hints for Gardening can be obtained on Application.

These SEEDS are supplied to us by the best growers in the World. It is particularly requested that care be taken when sowing and supervision exercised over Chinese gardeners, whose incompetence in dealing with the Seeds may sometimes lead to disappointing results.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER Supplies natural nourishment to the soil, IN TINS.

10lbs. each, \$1.75

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FERRINGER'S MANUAL OF GARDENING FOR THE TROPICS, PRICE \$7.50

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1898.

TELEGRAMS.

(By Telegraph.)

Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S RECEPTION.

TIENSIN, December 15th. 8.20 p.m.

The Empress Dowager received the wives of the foreign Ministers on Tuesday. Lady Macdonald acted as spokeswoman and the Empress Dowager was most hospitable. The Emperor was present and both he and the Empress Dowager shook hands with their guests. A great success.

Received 9.20 p.m. 15th December. Published 1 p.m. 16th December.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

LONDON, December 14th.

Sir William Harcourt has written to Mr. Morley resigning the leadership of the Liberal Party on the grounds that he cannot consent to lead a party rent by sectional disputes and personal interests. The papers consider the position of the Liberal Party serious.

THE FRENCH STATE LOAN FOR INDO-CHINA.

The French Government in deference to the Budget Committee has waived the proposed State guarantee for any part of the Tong King railway loan.

CUBA.

General Brooke has been appointed Military Governor of Cuba with control of the Military and Civil administrations.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—On the 16th at 11.40 Barometric changes are slight. The high pressure area remains central over China, and pressure is still low in E. Japan. Gradients moderate on the coast, rather steep with very strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST—Moderate N. E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE U.S.S. Concord arrived to-day from Canton.

A CHINAMAN was fined \$10 or one month to-day for disorderly conduct in a public place.

A FINE of \$45 was to-day imposed on a culprit who had three tials of opium in his possession unlawfully.

INSPECTOR Duncan caught a chandler in West Street with unjust weights and the offender was fined \$25 with the alternative of six weeks.

A MARINE engineer named Thomas Donaldson was to-day fined \$25, in default six weeks, for being drunk and indecently exposing himself on Pedder's Wharf.

AN unemployed Chinaman to-day admitted that he had enticed a girl from the colony for the purposes of immigration and he was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

P.C. HOGGARTH at the Magisterial levee to-day presented a batch of eleven rogues and vagabonds, some with previous convictions, and they each got seven days' hard labour.

THE Summary Court case Smith and Cox v. Watkins & Co. in which a claim of \$300 is made in connection with the "Art Supplements" comes on for hearing at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

H.M.S. *Grafton* leaves port to-morrow for Singapore to bring up the new dredger that has just come out from England. H.M.S. *Immortalite* leaves for Singapore shortly after Christmas.

WE hear that H. M. S. *Woodlark*, one of the new river gunboats recently sent out, has met with an accident, her midship section being dropped from the derrick and badly damaged while being hoisted out. As the plates are of Harveyised steel it is feared that repairs cannot be executed here.

As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, the Committee of the Victoria Recreation Club request the pleasure of the company of the Ladies of Hongkong on board the Flagship on the two days of the Regatta. The Ladies' Prize will be presented by Miss Blake, on board the Flagship, on the first day.

THE outward and visible signs of the approach of Christmas are now with us and the shop-windows are full of all sorts of pretty and tempting things. The Jewellers' bookellers, general storekeepers, drapers and other trades-folk all vying with each other to provide good cheer for the public in the festive season. Notices of some of the principal displays will be given in to-morrow's issue.

A CRICKET match will be played to-morrow between the Club and the Fleet. The Club will be represented by Messrs. Smith, Anton, Cox, Lowe, Hancock, Arthur, G. D. Campbell, H.K.R., K. G. Campbell, R.A., Lethbridge, K.O.R., Capt. Langhorne and Rev. G. K. Vallings. As the Navy have a large Fleet to choose from, it is expected that they will put in a very strong Eleven, and a good match is anticipated.

H.M.S. *Sandpiper* has, we hear, undergone her first steam trial. The following conversation was overheard recently concerning this somewhat unique but useful craft:—

CONSERVATIVE CHINAMAN:—Hy yai! B'long also same licksah, no blong June.

REFORMER:—My, savee he; Englishman talker makee bath machine. Spouse you wantchee bath ten cents one time can do. England side plenty hab got!

The new quarters of the Soldiers and Sailors Institute were formally opened on Wednesday last. That evening there was held a tea and concert arranged by the Hongkong Temperance Union, at which over 150 were present. The Chairman of the Institute desires to offer the grateful thanks of the Committee to the performers at the Concert; and also to all those kind helpers who so ably assisted in decorating the rooms, and in providing the tea and other refreshments.

THE road from Pedder's Hill to Glenelg is never a particularly dusty one but some three or four hirings to-day made the place a perfect inferno by sweeping the surface dust off the road into the side channels. They sent up clouds of dust and, worse still, had got the common decency to desert when people were passing. A number of ladies in chairs were fairly enveloped in the dust and it was only some rather forcible intervention by a passer-by that caused a temporary cessation of the nuisance. P. W. D. Verb. sap.

A CHINESE boiler maker was to-day charged with the unlawful detention of three women against their will in his house at Praya Central, for the purposes of prostitution. One of the women at the Magistrate's stated that she came from Canton with defendant's wife and was taken to their house. She came down to be a servant. She was told she could not get work here, but that in Singapore she could easily earn a few hundred dollars. She was also told that she would have to tell the Immigration Officer that she was going to Singapore to be a prostitute or she would not be allowed to go. She did not intend to be a prostitute. Last evening she stole out of the house and met her brother-in-law near the Markets, and subsequently they informed the police. Mr. Wilkinson, for the defence, asked for a remand till to-morrow. This was granted, bail of \$500 being allowed.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENSIN, December 6th.

The Ladies Audience has not yet come off, but it is looked to do so, and the principal difficulties are I believe in a fair way to being overcome. The ladies are to be duly provided with special chairs within the Palace Grounds, and are to be permitted to take their own interpreters to a certain distance. The precise date however, is not yet fixed I believe.

THE OLD TUTOR DISORCERED.

Poor old Weng Tang-ho the Emperor's tutor has been stripped by Imperial Edict of all office, rank and honours. By office, I mean the privilege of again holding office, for as a matter of fact he was banished to his home some months ago. The Edict in question is especially issued by the Vermillion pencil to make it the more emphatic, and states that when he was in the Privy Council he failed to direct the Emperor aright, and to show him how to conduct the affairs of the nation in accordance with modern examples, but instead kept him engrossed with ancient customs etc.

During the war he had not been so busy, and his clear idea as to China's best policy, and whether she was wise to cease fighting or to go on, and to crown his culpability he had introduced such a man as Kang Yü Wei! Under such circumstances there was no resource open to him but to deprive Weng Tang-ho of all rank, and command that he never hold office again, to prove how utterly the Throne despised such men!

THE RAILWAY AND MINING BUREAU.

is threatened to become a dead letter by reason of the strong objection to it said to be felt by one of its directors. He is said to have memorialised the Throne to abolish the Bureau, but that the request was for some reason refused. Whether the official who is supposed to be Chow, as it is thought (Wang Wei-shao would not hold such an opinion) has had a hint to nullify the Bureau in fact, I don't know. But it appears that he has stated that no applications for the construction of lines or opening of mines will be for a moment considered, which reduces the institution to a dead letter, and I strongly suspect it is the Government way of doing things. The official gives reasons for objecting to the Bureau. 1. That it does not benefit the livelihood. 2. That it injures the people by causing them to become monopolists. 3. That it will furnish an excuse for foreigners to come in and interfere with the country.

Talking of mining concessions reminds me that

MR. FRITCHARD MORGAN.

is very jubilant over having as he says obtained the right to open and work all kinds of mines in the whole Province of Szechuan. I can only hope that his report of the situation is correct, and that he has not been fooled by any partial success to imagine that he has grasped the whole. I know he has gone a great way towards getting the concession, but I am given to understand that the final ratification has not yet taken place, and as we know, everything depends on that. However Mr. Morgan is satisfied that no hitch can occur, and if that is so, he has secured a big thing if he is prepared to work it on the spot. He left here for the south last week, leaving Mr. Hay as his representative in the north. He goes straight home, I believe and is expected back here in the spring. He may possibly go home by the same vessel as Lord Charles.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

is talked of here, and may be followed by others in all the ports, the idea being to draw up resolutions of the public apprehensions and demands to lay before the House in support of Lord Charles, and the idea is I think an excellent one.

THE RUSSIAN POSITION

at the present moment seems to bear out the prophetic suggestions with regard to that country that I have indulged in from time to time. In spite of the very explicit assurances from the Capital that all is quiet, and the exodus of special grave suspicions as to Russia's contemplated movements this winter. A correspondent writing from Manchuria to our native paper here states that the number of Russian troops in North China territory is not less than 125,000. I cannot vouch for these numbers, neither can any one, for the simple reason that they are scattered over such a large area and in so many small detachments that it is impossible to estimate their number. These small detachments when they are encountered by travellers give the impression that Russia's force is really much smaller than stated, but that does not follow. We very well know how small amounts total up. There are five battalions between Kirin and Mukden, 5,000 men at Vladivostok, 1 battalion at Hulan, 3 battalions at the Sugarie River, etc. and it is impossible to say how many there may or may not be. One thing I know, that all the main roads to Peking from Mukden are strongly guarded by Russians, and wherever good roads do not exist they are busy levelling, widening etc. while the troops throughout Manchuria are equipped and prepared for a long march. We may feel of course, Well, we shall see. Everyone laughs at the idea, but if they do turn up one fine day, don't forget your humble correspondent has always emphatically prophesied it.

The weather keeps charming, and there are hopes that the river will keep open for another ten days at least. At present it is just pleasantly cold, no ice visible, and as cargoes are backward everyone hopes for a little longer respite. Friends and Christmas are good cheer, but still great disappointment will be felt if the river closes too soon.

ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL.

has a great break up on the 20th, when Lady Macdonald is kindly going to present the prizes which is a great treat to the children and a satisfaction to the parents as well as a graceful tribute to the teachers who have worked hard and deserve every encouragement. From all I hear it will be most successful.

RUSSIA AGAIN.

I was almost forgetting to mention that Russia has asked for the Miaos Islands to be included in her Port Arthur concession! Not bad eh? as they completely dominate the entrance to the Gulf.

CHANG CHI-TUNG AND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER.

Wu Shihchen, the Provincial Literary Chancellor arrived at Wuchang on the 3rd instant, and was received by a very large body of officials, who assembled at the Official Reception Pavilion to formally enquire after the health of the Emperor and Empress Dowager. The Chancellor then proceeded to the Viceregal Yamen and there delivered a message from the Empress Dowager to the Viceroy highly praising him for his patriotic and energetic performance of duty. The Viceroy said he was profoundly grateful for the praise and the people were unanimous in their admiration of the well deserved appreciation by the Empress Dowager of Viceroy Chang's services.

SHANGHAI AND THE NORTH.

(From Shanghai Papers.)

During last month 13,320 tons of coal, valued at yen 92,965 were shipped from Moji to Shanghai.

The Hon. John Barrett, late U.S. Minister to Spain, who has been the guest of Sir Nicholas Hannon for a few days since his return from Peking, is now about to make a trip to Japan by the *Doric* and will return to Shanghai in January.

ANHUI DOLLARS.

Under orders from the high authorities, the Shanghai Magistrate has published a proclamation declaring the dollars coined in Anhui to be a legal tender in all respects and forbidding the public to refuse or depreciate them.

NEW CRUISE.

The *Universal Gazette* states that the Dockyard in Foochow has completed two cruisers for the Government and the building of a 3,000 ton cruiser, 4 torpedo boats, a 3,000 ton man-of-war and another of 6,000 tons is being carried out.

COUNT DE BEZAURE.

A Nanking dispatch states that Count de Bezaure has left Nanking for Wuhu instead of coming back to Shanghai as was at first surmised, and that Viceroy Liu has in consequence sent a Faotal named Tao to Wuhu apparently to report upon the movements of the French cruiser *Desbarres* in that vicinity.

NEW TROOPS.

According to a special telegram from Tientsin to the *Universal Gazette*, a few Chinese officials sent from Peking to Tientsin and Shanhaikuan to enlist soldiers have succeeded in raising several thousand men. It is alleged that 10,000 men are required and these are for the formation of the new army under Jung Lu, Field Marshal of the Northern forces.

THE "DESCARTES" AT NANKING.

Native reports from Nanking state that the *Descartes* has been frightening the people there by firing guns every night and when an explanation was asked for by the Chinese officials the French replied that they were drilling their marines. The Chinese Commander of the forts at Hsin Kuan has ordered all the willow trees in front of the forts to be cut down in order that they might not impede the firing in case of necessity.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

A sad accident occurred at Foochow on the 26th November. Some Russians formed a shooting party to Yuenfai and whilst climbing the hills one of their number wandered out of sight. Soon after a report was heard, and as their friend did not put in an appearance search was made, when he was found lying at the base of a rock with one of his arms shattered. It appears a fall whilst climbing caused the gun to go off. The wounded man is progressing favourably.

THE SILK INDUSTRY.

According to a Wuchang dispatch a Cantonese syndicate is negotiating with Viceroy Chang Chi-tung as to the purchase of the valuable silkworm machinery he recently bought from Europe in connection with his modern College of Sericulture at Hanyang. If the syndicate succeeds in getting the above machinery on favourable terms it is intended to remove it to Hankow where the manufacture of silk fabrics will be vigorously prosecuted.

SHANTUNG AFFAIRS.

Bishop Anier, who returned some time ago to Shantung, has sent home a letter dated Sept. 3. The picture given by the Bishop is anything but promising; matters were tolerably well when the letter was despatched, but the political atmosphere was threatening all young and the anti-dynastic movement was daily gaining ground. The learned Bishop feared very fatal occurrences to happen shortly.

COAL.

Some Chinese merchants say the *Universal Gazette* contemplate establishing a depot at Changchiang for the transportation of Shantung coal to Chinkiang and Shanghai for consumption. It has been decided that no less than 1,000 tons will be transported at a time, and the depot will shortly be opened 200 tons of this coal have been shipped to Chinkiang as a sample.

LORD CHARLES DERESFORD.

Lord Charles Deresford had three long and important interviews with the Viceroy Chang Chi-tung at Wuchang; the other important topic at Hankow during the past week being the St. Andrew's Hall, which came off there with great success in the new Victoria Hall. At Wuhu on his way down the river Lord Charles exchanged the invitation of the Viceroy which promptly ran aground, the river being very low. She quickly got off, however.

YU MANTZU.

News by wire has reached the *Universal Gazette* from Chungking saying that Yu Mantzu and his followers have not been pacified and Father Fleury is still in detention. Yu's lieutenant Tung Tsai-ping is still leading the rebels about and seeking to molest Christians. It has been reported that Taotai Jen has wired to the provincial Treasurer proposing to quell Yu Mantzu hordes by force but for the sake of Father Fleury this has not been carried out. Tauchou and Luchoan, and the whole neighbourhood are also in a state of ferment.

FAREWELL TO DR. STUEBEL.

On Saturday last Dr. Stuebel, retiring Consul General for Germany in Shanghai, was entertained at the Club de Recreo by Senator Valdez, Senior Consul, who took the occasion of Dr. Stuebel's immediate departure for Europe to express the great respect in which he was held by all members of the foreign community and also referred to his hospitality and urbanity. Dr. Stuebel replied in suitable terms, stating that he felt touched by the cordiality of Senator Valdez and all present, and in proposing the toast of Shanghai took the opportunity to express his deep gratitude and pleasure to return if he were ordered to do so by his Government.

ANOTHER FIRE.

A fire broke out at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday in a native dwelling house on east Dongkialong, North Futen Road Shanghai. It was started by some fire falling from a cooking stove on to a quantity of wood shavings. The alarm was speedily raised and as speedily responded to, but from the nature of the buildings which were very old indeed, the flames made rapid progress and nine houses were involved in a very short space of time. The fire brigade had to cope with a serious difficulty owing to the fact that the hydrants were at considerable distance from the premises, and had it not been for the fact that the buildings were only one storey high, and provided with fairly good dividing walls, a disastrous conflagration must have resulted as the neighbourhood is thickly

YU MAN-TZE AND HIS REBELS.

The following dispatch from a native correspondent at Chungking will give an idea of the condition of the country within the sphere of Yu Man-tze and his lieutenant's operations. In the market town of Shuangchiang, under the jurisdiction of the district magistracy of Suinghsien, lives a wealthy notable named Yang Santai. Yu Man-tze's hearing of this man's wealth sent his lieutenant Tang Tsui-ping and a body of rebels to Shuangchiang and demanded funds for the "good work," i.e., driving out the Christians and foreigners. Fearing to disobey Yu's commands lest the whole town should suffer, this notable gave at once the Tls. 2,000 demanded. But Yu's lieutenant having obtained the money at the first demand so easily wanted more. The rapidity of the rebels, however, roused up the townspeople of Yang and they prepared to fight the rebels, declaring at the same time that not one copper cash more should be paid the rebels. A fight then ensued between the militia of the town and the rebels, resulting disastrously for the latter, fifteen being killed and thirteen captured alive. Yang then carried his captives in triumph to the Suinghsien magistracy asking that they should be beheaded as rebels. At first the magistracy consented; then he became scared at the threats of the prisoners who declared that for each one beheaded of their company ten citizens of Suinghsien would be slain in revenge by their leader Yu Man-tze, and so wanted to free the prisoners! Yang and his townspeople, however, resolutely refused to allow the pusillanimous magistracy to do so and this getting to the ears of Tang Yu's lieutenant, he and his men made a demonstration in force upon Shuangchiang threatening to raze the market town to the ground if his men were not released. The townspeople, however, showed a bold front to the rebels and the two forces, at date of this letter (23rd November), are still opposed to each other. On the night of 15th of November some one—supposed to be one of Yu's sympathisers—set fire to the barracks occupied by some troops at a place called Pishan. A panic ensued and numbers of women, thinking the rebels had entered the place, committed suicide, those who were mothers first killing their youngest children. Large numbers of rebels have recently crossed over the river into Hsichiang and Nchi districts, pillaging and plundering indiscriminately wherever they go while the people, misled by the declarations of the rebels that they had only come to "kill Christians and foreigners," welcomed the rebels only to find out their mistake to their own detriment and loss. Those who have been plundered of their all have therefore also turned into bandits and so the game goes on—the insurgents, as they must now be called, increasing in numbers daily.—*N. C. D. News.*

A SLAYER OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

A correspondent writes: "In reference to the slave trading show captured recently off the coast of Persia, everybody says, 'How terrible for such things to be in these days!' I happened to come across an old identity of nautical run, who told me about thrilling days and showed me an old paper of Sydney in 1848, in which was written an account of the capture of an American slaver by a United States cruiser off Africa. The cruiser kept the prize alongside, and in the morning the captain was shocked to find eighteen had died during the night. Still graver horror was felt when on going on board it was found that on a 35-ton vessel there were 480 men slaves stowed on the water casks in the hold, like herrings, with the covers on, for fear of detection. Some of the weaker were strangled by the stronger ones but for air. Fifty women and children in half the deck cabin round-house, the other half being used by the officers for meals. The captain of the 'Pons' slaver said he had meant to ship 400 more if he had not been chased. When on the spar-deck 150 slaves more than filled it. This is only one case of many to be found in the newspapers of barely fifty years ago—the 'good old days.'"

THE GOSPEL OF AUTOCRACY.

M. Pobedonostseff, who held the position of tutor to the late Czar and who as Procurator of the Holy Synod stood nearest to the Russian throne, has published his reflections under the title of "Reflections of a Russian Statesman." A Star reviewer says the pages of this work reveal the most potent and most remarkable personality in Russia—perhaps in Europe. M. Pobedonostseff has been of the most powerful influence at work in the shaping of Russian policy. The down-trodden Jew and the hunted Stundist detect in his hands the unseen cause of their misery. Thoughtful, learned, astute, levity, he rises every year for several months into a convent, and in this quiet monastic isolation he has evolved his narrow theories of humanity and its government. With a passion for Western civilization, he is boundless scorn for the common herd, and a blind reverence for faith and authority, he boldly challenges the whole course of modern progress. He mingles as a scoffer among the people in the marketplace; he is a prophet crying "Woe! woe!" among the councillors of the Czar; a warning figure beckoning the peoples of Europe away from the snares and pitfalls of Liberalism, a medieval monk guiding the footsteps of a modern state. While he is telling his beads, the world has been rolling on. But he either knows not or cares not; it is but the progress of chaos and anarchy.

The Procurator has such a contempt for the mere human reason that he wonders why he himself uses it so freely through-out his work as an instrument of human persuasion. According to this philosopher mankind is, metaphysically speaking, a mere aggregate of the lame, the halt, and the blind, only so long as it leans on those crutches of faith and authority which Western nations flung away when they stumbled on the path of Liberalism. M. Pobedonostseff accordingly bares his arms and proceeds to smash to atoms and grind to powder the valued idols of the Liberal faith—Press, Parliament, trial by jury, democratic government. Blow after blow falls upon the democratic edifice. "The Press is one of the falsest institutions of our time," representing nothing but the cupidity of its owners and the folly and wickedness of the mob. "Parliament is an institution serving for the satisfaction of the personal ambition, vanity, and self interest of its members—one of the greatest illustrations of human delusion, the great political lie which dominates our age." Trial by jury is but the grotesque absurdity of a gaping mob whose shallow brains are played upon by the glib eloquence, skill of clever and unscrupulous advocates—and go forth and go forth.

THE MAJOR'S WRITING.

The story is told of Major Rower, who has recently been sent to Wei-hai-wei to take a regiment of Chinese, that he once sent home to the British Archaeological Society a valuable Buddhist document he had unearthed in Tibet, together with a hurriedly-written covering letter. Only one circumstance detracts from the delight of the document, and that is the fact that the covering letter was written in English, and which was the Buddhist document and which the covering letter.—*Examiner.*

A SECRET EDITOR.

"It is stated," says our Kiuksing correspondent, "that a secret edit has been issued by the Empress Dowager to every Yunnan in the Empire ordering the officials on a given date to institute a general massacre of all Christians and foreigners. The hope being, I presume, that by this drastic stroke the Empire will be rid of all innovators and that a period of peace for the spoilers will ensue. It will pay our officials to look into this and not pass it over as an idle rumor for it is very widespread. The missionaries in Pekin have heard of it through their native friends and so have the missionaries in Nankin. In the latter place I am told the actual edit has been seen. In Kiuksing also there is a rumour to the same effect. This is wide-spread enough and no doubt but that in other places the same is true. Take all this in connection with the gathering of armies in the North and would seem to indicate the Empress Dowager is plotting something on a grand scale. If we are forewarned we are forearmed. Every precaution should be taken, and if the Empress is given to know that her secret is no longer a secret but common property and that the first move in any direction will bring irremediable disaster to her and her Empire, such a mad scheme will probably be abandoned. In the meantime what is the British Government doing in reference to the murder of the Englishman at West? The Mission may probably from one-sided religious notions take no action. But the Government is bound to do so whether the Mission requests it or not. The man Mr. Fleming is an Englishman and is in this country in accordance with Treaty and engaged in a lawful occupation. He was entitled to protection and could have obtained it; the duty of the Government is clear and if some strong measures are not taken this murder will be repeated on a larger scale. A 'Yu Man Tze' cannot be controlled is of course absurd and does not deceive any one acquainted with Chinese methods of government. The officials seem certainly at the back of him and are not displeased at the turn affairs have taken. If foreigners are murdered as they have been in this instance, and in that of M. Fleury, for instance, as good as dead, the officials will plead that the country is in a lawless condition and they could not help it. The extensive massacres of Christians in Szechuen is along the line indicated above. If an open official murder of foreigners and Christians fails then the same thing accomplished in another way will be just as effectual. All this may be mouth-puffed, but the officials seem to be mad enough to attempt almost anything. This at any rate is certain and that is that an anti-foreign wave is again sweeping in over this country and there are many signs of it on all hands."

The above is indeed startling news, but we do not think that the Empress Dowager, as bad as we believe her to be, would be foolish enough to issue such an Edit.—*Mercury.*

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

The following Washington telegram, says the *Japan Times*, has just been received in Tokyo:—"The United States gun-boat *Ranger* is being fitted out at San Francisco, and will soon be sent for the purpose of surveying the route of the Pacific Cable between Hawaii, the Philippines and Japan via the Caroline and Ladrones Islands. Rear-Admiral John Irwin, a Director of the Pacific Cable Co., will accompany the expedition."

This is welcome news to Japan and the whole East, says our contemporary. We hope that the results of the survey will be such as will induce the Americans to proceed with the laying of the line without any delay. The cost need not be very great, for an arrangement, we believe, can easily be made with the Japanese Government for the use of the cable already in operation between this country and Formosa, which is separated from the Philippines only by a short distance. Such an arrangement will be mutually advantageous.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

DECEMBER.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 29.818
Thermometer 80.1
Humidity 77
Rainfall 8.38

TO-DAY.
WEATHER REPORT.
On date at 10 a.m. 1 p.m. 4 p.m.
Barometer 30.38 30.25
Thermometer 61 60
Humidity 71 34
Rainfall — —

TO-DAY.
Friday, 16th December, 1898.
Chinese—4th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.
High water—Afternoon 6hr. 18min.
Low water—Morning 5hr. 52min.
Afternoon 5hr. 52min.

ANNIVERSARIES.
1897—Earthquake along the Mediterranean shores; 10,000 lives lost.
1874—Loss by fire of the ship *Horatio* at Shanghai.

TO-MORROW.
Saturday, 17th December, 1898.
Chinese—5th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.
High water—Afternoon 6hr. 5min.
Low water—Morning 6hr. 5min.
Afternoon 6hr. 5min.

ANNIVERSARIES.
1838—Captain Elliot held a public meeting and asked the foreign merchants of Canton to assist him in stopping the opium traffic between Lintin and Whampoa.
1845—Gun cotton invented.
1874—The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Japan* burnt; European passenger, the cook, and 38 Chinese drowned; \$350,000 treasure lost.
1897—Explosion at a gunpowder factory at Canton; 130 lives lost.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:
German (*Prinz Heinrich*) to-morrow.
Indian (*Sutong*) to-morrow.
American (*Belgic*) 19th inst.
French (*Indy*) 19th inst.
Australian (*Memmuti*) 20th inst.
Australian (*Yamashiro Maru*) 21st inst.
American (*Coptic*) 27th inst.

THE Agents (Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Hongkong Maru* from London, left Singapore for this port, and is due here on or about the 19th instant.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co.) that the "Shire" line steamer *Radnorshire* from London, left Singapore for this port, and is due here on or about the 22nd instant.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.
Isidore Pons..... at Kowloon Dock.
H.I.G.M.S. Kaiser..... " " "
Hongkong..... " " "
Chowshan..... " " "
Bygdø..... " " "
H.I.G.M.S. Mowee..... " " "
H.I.G.M.S. Gefion..... " " "
Ask..... " " "
H.I.G.M.S. K. Alta..... " " "
Ingvar..... " Cosmopolitan "
Heungshan..... " " "
Haitung..... " " "

SWATOW.
Arrivals from Agents.
Dec. 14 *Haimun*..... Hongkong, J. M. & Co.
14 *Tuichong*..... Amoy, L. & H.
14 *Bellorophan*..... Amoy, B. & S.
14 *Wuchang*..... Wuhu, B. & S.
14 *Wenchow*..... Chefoo, B. & S.
15 *Whampoa*..... Shanghai, B. & S.
15 *Formosa*..... Hongkong, J. M. & Co.

Departures for Agents.
Dec. 14 *Neuchuang*..... Shanghai, B. & S.
14 *Haimun*..... Amoy, J. M. & Co.
15 *Formosa*..... Hongkong, J. M. & Co.
15 *Whampoa*..... Hongkong, B. & S.
15 *Wuchang*..... Shanghai, B. & S.
15 *Bellorophan*..... Singapore, B. & S.
IN PORT—*Hoihow, Wenchow.*

PASSED THE CANAL.
Outward—Nov. 22nd *Indra, Flintshire*, Nov. 23rd *Gisla, Malacca, Benlad, Dorothea Rickmers*, Dec. 6th *Tantalus*, Dec. 9th *Sikh, Socotra, Vladimir*, Dec. 13th *Petroch, Norman Isles*.

Homeward—Dec. 13th *Calendons*.

THE MESSAGE OF THE SPEAR.

AWAY back in the year 54 B.C.—1,943 years ago—little detachment of Roman soldiers was besieged by a host of Gauls at Chartres, in the north of what is now called France. Believing that no help could possibly reach them, the Romans expected to fight until they were all stricken down. One day a short spear came whizzing over the ramparts and stuck in one of the wooden towers. Nobody paid any attention to it at first. They just went on slaughtering Gauls and getting slaughtered themselves. At length an officer saw something fluttering from that spear. It proved to be a note from Julius Caesar, written in Greek. He said he was on his way with an army to relieve the garrison. That note had been there, unheeded for several days. In due time Caesar came and made short work of the Gauls.

That people should suffer and struggle hopelessly when help is near at hand is sad to think of, but they must know at the coming help before they can draw courage from it. Take the torments and dangers of illness for example. We fight them with all the weapons we have. Sometimes we hit on the right thing, and more often we don't, even when it is as close as the spear in the tower was to the exhausted garrison. If Mr. Robert Lewis, postmaster at High Ham, Leicestershire, could have found a remedy for indigestion, dyspepsia, and liver complaint he certainly would not have suffered from it, as he did, for twenty years. Why that is more than half an average lifetime. A single day of illness is always long enough, and a year of it is a lifetime. But fancy such an experience stretching itself into weeks, months, and years! Can you imagine? Yes, decidedly imagine. So it is, but does that fact reconcile anybody to indigestion? Mr. Lewis is not a man to sit tamely down and brood over a misfortune. Besides being postmaster he is a greengrocer, with work enough to keep him busy. Under what difficulties this work was done he tells us in a letter dated Nov. 8th, 1893.

"I had a bad time in the month," he says, "partly owing to indigestion, and my mouth was dry, and I sat up till three or four o'clock. After that even the simplest food I had great pain in the chest and around the heart. I suffered greatly from sleeplessness and giddiness, and if I exercised much, I got out of breath."

"[This was asthma, caused by the stupefying action of foul blood upon the nerves that move the lungs; the impurities in the blood having come from the festering mass of indigestible food in the stomach. The least trouble, the tickle, headache, and the giddiness, were symptoms of the same thing.]"

"As time went on," continues Mr. Lewis, "I became very low, weak, and mentally discouraged and depressed."

"[A doctor, writing about this case for a learned medical journal, would use many tough-Latin words. But he would not make the facts as plain as Mr. Lewis himself has made them. Naturally a man who can eat but little—which little mostly rots in his stomach—will lose flesh and strength and come to be of small use to himself or to any one else. We can all see that even by candle light.]"

"I tried many medicines," he says finally, "but they did me no real good. At last I heard of Mother Selig's Curative Syrup, and used it. I am happy to tell you that it soon relieved and cured me. Whenever I feel a sign of my old ailment I resort to the Syrup at once, and the disease gets no further hold upon me. Fulfill my statement if you like, and believe me yours, &c., (Signed) Robert Lewis."

The Roman soldier hit Caesar's message unregarded for days. It was written on parchment and fluttered from a spear, as I have said. But, see! We live in these days of print! Are you ill and in pain as Mr. Lewis was? Every newspaper, every magazine almost all the publications your eye falls on, contain accounts of what Mother Selig's Syrup has done, and tell you, for those who suffer, Read the message. This is one, and having read it, you know where to look for help.—*Ad.*

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1896.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION For Account of CHENG KAM PO (FUNG KEE) DECEASED.

TUESDAY, the 20th December, at NOON, at Messrs. MUSSO & Co's Godown at West Point.
38 Casks CLARET (BERGASSE) in good Order and Condition.
TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1898. [1449]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION

TUESDAY, the 20th day of December, 1898, at 3 P.M. at their Offices, Praya Central, in One Lot

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES, ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND situated at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 1413, formerly known as the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 5A. These premises (Nos. 236 and 238, Queen's Road Central) are held for the residue of a term of 999 years from the 1st July, 1846. Annual Proportion of CROWN RENT \$20. The Lot number was altered last year to No. 1413, but the Crown Lease has never been taken up.

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situated at Victoria aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION D of MARINE LOT No. 100. These Premises face on the Praya West (No. 213) and are held for the residue of a term of 999 years from the 7th January, 1862. Annual Proportion of CROWN RENT \$22.

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situated at Victoria aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION L of MARINE LOT No. 190. These premises face on Queen's Road West (Nos. 373 and 375) and Sai Hing Land (Nos. 4 and 5) and are held for the same term as SECTION-D of MARINE LOT 199 above. Annual Proportion of CROWN RENT \$15.

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND situated at Victoria aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION C of MARINE LOT No. 198. These premises face on Praya West (No. 225) and are held for the residue of a term of 999 years from the 7th January, 1862. Annual Proportion of CROWN RENT \$19.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers; or to Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS, Vendor's Solicitors.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1898. [1414]

Intimations.

EYE-SIGHT.

MR. N. LAZARUS, Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at FLETCHER & CO'S PHARMACY, (Opposite the Hongkong Hotel).

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THE MUTUAL STORES, 50, 52 & 30, FORTINGER STREET. HONGKONG, 15th December, 1898.

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Intimations.

SALE OF WORK.

THE FRENCH SISTERS beg to announce that they will have a SALE OF WORK and other articles suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, at the Convent, from the 15th to the 31st instant, inclusive, from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M. When they hope their friends will patronize them.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1898. [1455]

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Consignees. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship

"PARRAMATTA," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 16th instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 10th December, 1898. [145]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE. THE Steamship

"MARQUIS BACQUEHEM," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 19th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER WIELER & Co, Agents. Hongkong, 13th December, 1898. [1460]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship

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Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—From Madras, ex S.S. *Leonidana*. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 21st instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 15th December, 1898. [1459]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. SS. "PATHAN" FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 19th instant, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

Intimations.

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HIROSHIMA MARU T. Tsuji	Kobe and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 22nd Dec., at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU J. Nagao	(SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and YOKOHAMA)	FRIDAY, 23rd Dec., at 4 P.M.
YAMASHIRO MARU T. Jones	(NAGASAKI, Kobe, and YOKOHAMA)	FRIDAY, 23rd Dec., at 4 P.M.
MIKE MARU S. Kawamura	(BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	TUESDAY, 27th Dec., at Noon.
RIOJUN MARU J. W. Ekstrand	(SEATTLE, VASCO, U.S.A. via Kobe, YOKOHAMA and VICTORIA, B.C.)	THURSDAY, 29th Dec., at 4 P.M.
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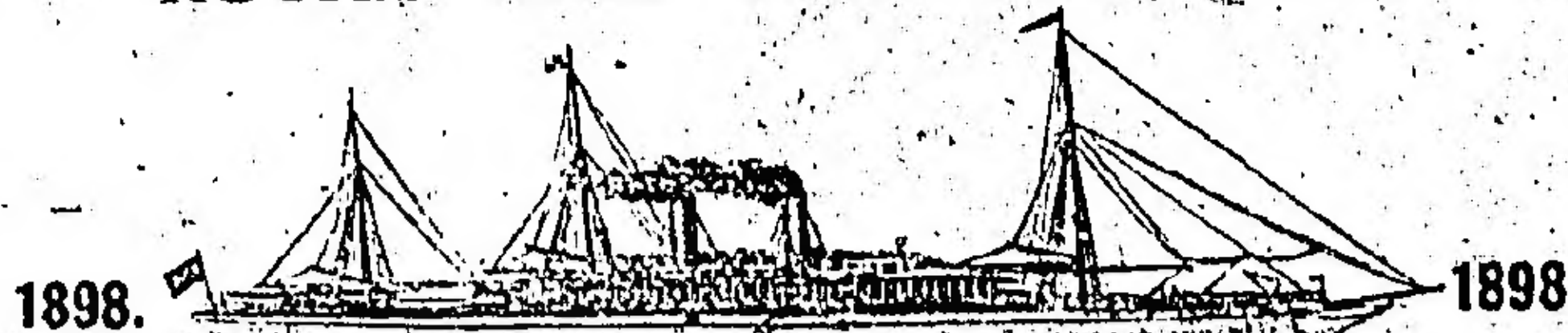
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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN, Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 21st Dec., 1898.
EMPRESS OF CHINA, Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., 1899.
EMPRESS OF INDIA, Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., 1899.

The magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets at various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1898.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu, Saturday, 14th Jan., 1899.

HONGKONG MARU, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu, Tuesday, 7th Feb., 1899.

NIPPON MARU, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu, Saturday, 4th March, at Noon.

THE Steamship "AMERICA MARU," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, ON SATURDAY, the 14th January, 1899, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers looking orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship "COROMANDEL," Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to

H. A. KITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1898.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FROM VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Glenora... 3,570 J. McGillicuddy... Jan. 10.

Olympia... 2,508 J. Truebridge... Jan. 14.

Victoria... 3,502 J. Panton... Feb. 14.

Tacoma... 2,553 A. Dixon... Feb. 25.

Also, FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Lennet... 3,677 Williamson... Dec. 24.

Columbia... 2,605 A. Gow... Jan. 28.

Alamouthshire... 3,874 W.A. Evans... Feb. 18.

Lennet... 3,677 Williamson... Mar. 11.

*Calling at HONOLULU and Not Calling at SHANGHAI.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line; HONGKONG TO LONDON 247.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR AND STEWARDSS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK 241.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to Europe may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA 238.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports; and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1898.

SAILING VESSEL.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 A. I. American Ship

"REUCE," Captain Adams, having arrived will load here for the above port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNOLD, KARRER & Co., Hongkong, 14th May, 1898.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1898.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1898.

Mails.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)
(Taking Cargo at through rates to AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

HAMBURG AMERICA LINE.

(East Asiatic Service.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	19th December
Voss	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 31st December
*HEIDELBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 31st December
Schiller	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 5th January
*SIBERIA	GENOA and HAMBURG	About 5th January
Hildebrandt	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 18th January
ARMENIA	HAMBURG and ANTWERP	January
Magin	(LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	January

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to

Hongkong, 8th December, 1898.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro

(via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd Dec., at Noon.

Aztec (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 27th Dec., at Noon.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 21st Jan., at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 16th Feb., at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 22nd instant at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1898.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan Ports and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Carlisle City... 1,300 J. S. Van Buren... Jan. 15.

Carmarthenshire... 2,229 J. S. Van Buren... Feb. 14.

THE Steamship

"CARLISLE CITY," will be despatched for SAN DIEGO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about the 15th January.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1898.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADED, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN and HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

M.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich... Wednesday | 4th Jan.

Prussen... Wednesday | 1st Feb.

Sachsen... Wednesday | 1st March.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cippers, with MAILED PASSENGERS SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Parc